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## THE SECOND REAGAN-MONDALE DEBATE

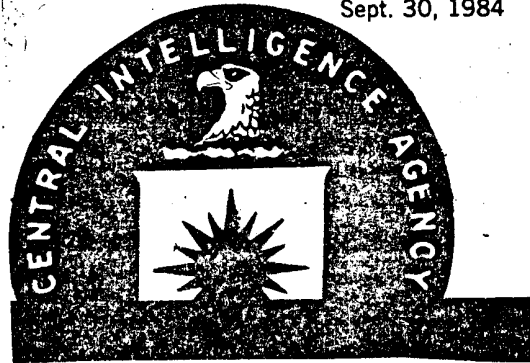
### INTELLIGENCE

■ "We're feeling the effects today of the near destruction of our intelligence capability in recent years—before we came here, the effort that somehow to say, well, spying is somehow dishonest and let's get rid of our intelligence agents, and we did that to a large extent . . . [Now we're] trying to rebuild our intelligence to where you'll . . . know in advance what the target might be—and be prepared for it."

—President Reagan,  
Bowling Green State University,  
Sept. 26, 1984

■ "It is not true that the Central Intelligence Agency was weakened during the late 1970s, as Mr. Reagan's own vice president and CIA director have admitted . . . It is reckless to announce that American intelligence is so weak that we cannot protect ourselves from terrorists. That invites further assaults. It jeopardizes the security of our personnel and installations abroad."

—Walter F. Mondale,  
response to Reagan remarks,  
Sept. 30, 1984

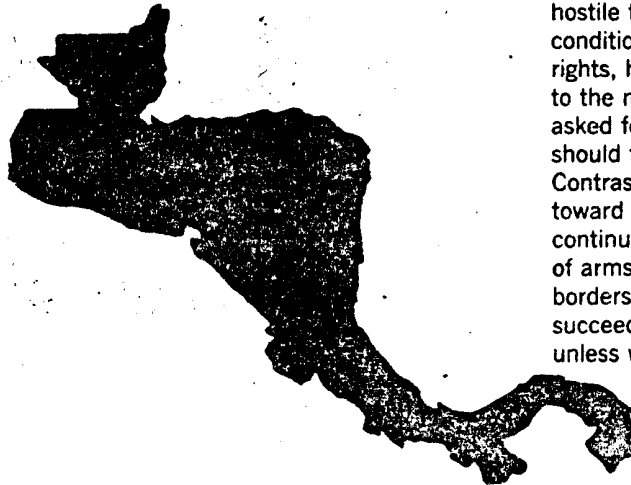


### CENTRAL AMERICA

■ "Central America is a region of great importance to the United States . . . It is at our doorstep. And it has become the stage for a bold attempt by the Soviet Union, Cuba and Nicaragua to install communism by force throughout the hemisphere . . . Communist subversion is not an irreversible tide. We have seen it rolled back in Venezuela and, most recently, in Grenada . . . The tide of the future can be a freedom tide. All it takes is the will and resources to get the job done . . . Let us show the world that we want no hostile, communist colonies here in the Americas: South, Central or North."

—President Reagan,  
address on Central America,  
May 9, 1984

■ "Mr. Reagan's strategy has failed. Instead of pursuing negotiation, he sought confrontation—and today, the



region is much more unstable. Instead of working with the Contadora group, he gave them lip service and a brushoff—and today, the hemisphere is more hostile to us . . . Instead of conditioning our aid on human rights, he has given a blank check to the military—and last night he asked for a larger one . . . We should terminate our aid to the Contras and other covert activities toward Nicaragua—while continuing efforts to stop the flow of arms across national borders . . . Negotiations may not succeed. But how can we know unless we try?"

—Walter F. Mondale,  
American Society  
of Newspaper Editors,  
May 10, 1984